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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: NEW COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR
TO ECUADOR

1. ON JULY 21 THE GOC NAMED GILBERTO ECHEVERRI MEJIA, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOQUIA, AS ITS NEW AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR. HE IS AN ENGINEER BY TRAINING AND A PROFESSOR IN THE COLLEGE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING OF THE PONTIFICIA BOLIVARIANA UNIVERSITY IN MEDELLIN. HE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF NINE FABRIC AND RETAILING COMPANIES AND IS DIRECTOR OF A NUMBER OF THEM. ECHEVERRI RECENTLY RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN JAPAN IN ENERGY RESOURCES RESEARCH. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS OF ANTIOQUIA. ECHEVERRI IS MARRIED TO MARTHA INES PEREZ AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.

2. THE NEW AMBASSADOR IS TOP BROTHER OF HERNANDO ECHEVERRI MEJIA, 1974 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF THE EXTREME LEFTIST "UNO" PARTY. HOWEVER, GILBERTO, WHO DOES NOT SHARE THE SAME POLITICAL INCLINATIONS, CHOSE TO CAMPAIGN FOR LIBERAL PRESIDENT LOPEZ INSTEAD OF HIS BROTHER.

3. ECHEVERRI TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN QUITO DURING MID-AUGUST. HE PREDICTED THAT HIS TWO MAIN TASKS AS AMBASSADOR WILL BE TO DOCUMENT THE THOUSANDS OF COLOMBIANS WHO HAVE EMIGRATED TO ECUADOR
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AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COLOMBIAN COMMERCIAL

SHOWCASE IN THE BORDER CITY OF IPIALES TO ATTRACT ECUADORIAN
PURCHASES.
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